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## Mountain Loop Highway Seasonal Closure Begins Monday, Nov. 23

Snohomish County Public Works and U.S. Forest Service closure between Deer Creek and Bedal gates

**EVERETT, Wash., Friday, Nov. 20, 2020** — With the snow piling up in higher elevations, Snohomish County Public Works, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, will close Mountain Loop Highway beginning at noon on Monday, Nov. 23. The closure is for traffic in both directions and will be officially enforced from the Deer Creek Gate to the west and the Bedal Gate to the east.

"Snohomish County Public Works has consulted with the U.S. Forest Service, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and many of the surrounding towns to make sure this is the right time to close the highway," Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. "We don't want to wait any longer as we are already seeing some trees come down and the snow is starting to pile up. Our number one priority is to keep the road safe for everyone."

A stretch of the road, 14 miles, is gravel and closed each winter due to snow and road conditions. Each spring, the Road Maintenance Division coordinates with the U.S. Forest Service to perform any necessary maintenance on the road prior to its reopening.

During the summer months, more than 100 cars on average use this route each day with up to 200 cars traveling each day on the weekend.

View the road closure map to learn of closed county roads.

## **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.